

She served with distinction as the mayor of Zion and as an immigrant from Greece, she was an inspiring example of the American Dream.

Madam Speaker, Senator Geo-Karis has served her district, State, and country with exemplary dedication and commitment. Her 34 years of outstanding public service ensure that her legacy will be remembered.

HONORING WARWICK TOWNSHIP  
ON ITS 275TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 275th anniversary of Warwick Township, Pennsylvania. Warwick has a long and notable history, serving as the location for several crucial events in the birth of our Nation.

Warwick Township was formed by petition on February 13, 1733. Located in central Bucks County, the township served as an important fixture in colonial life in the 18th century. York Road, one of the major roads running throughout the township, served as the major connection between New York and Philadelphia. During the American Revolution, York Road was used as a passage for the American Army during northern campaigns.

Warwick Township was also home to General Washington's headquarters. The township welcomed Marquis de Lafayette and Count Pulaski to join the American Army, where they later became critical to the American victory over the British. The nearby Neshaminy Church was transformed into both a hospital and a location for court-martials throughout the American Revolution.

Today, Warwick Township continues its historic tradition of hospitality and community. The township offers its residents and visitors a variety of public parks, sports fields, pavilions, playgrounds and ponds. Community Park proves the township's residents with a children's summer day camp program, as well as public Sunday evening concerts throughout July and August. Warwick Township also features a public golf course, the Neshaminy Valley Golf Club.

Warwick Township serves both as an outstanding reminder of our Nation's history, as well as an exceptional example of a modern American town. Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent Warwick Township and grateful for the opportunity to recognize their momentous 275th anniversary.

IN CELEBRATION OF SHEILA  
MURPHY CRAWFORD

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Sheila Murphy Crawford. Thirty years ago, Sheila Murphy Crawford founded the Murphy Irish Arts center, which she established as a non-profit to support Irish cultural activities. She began in

1978 with 35 students. Under her guidance as director of the center, she currently has more than 250 students, ranging in age from 5 to 30.

In 2006, Crawford's spectacular choreography took third place at the 2006 World Championships of Irish Dancing in Belfast. Her dancers have earned very high rankings in many other national and international competitions. Among many of her other honors, she earned the highly desirable position of adjudicator of the world governing organization for Irish Dance, An coimistun le Rinici Gaeltica.

As a teenager, Crawford maintained the Irish Cultural Garden in Rockefeller Park. She later went on to become the director of the organization that oversees the verdant spot in 1995. For the past 8 years, she has also served as vice president of the Cultural Garden Federation of Cleveland. Currently, Crawford is heading a project to refurbish the Irish Garden.

Crawford's outstanding commitment to sharing Ireland's rich cultural traditions and values goes far beyond Irish dancing. She has been a five time president of a religious and cultural organization that raises funds for charity, the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. In 1993, she was named Hibernian of the Year.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Sheila Murphy Crawford's significant contributions to preserving and sharing Irish culture with the community.

RECOGNIZING MRS. IMOGENE  
COTTER

**HON. DENNIS R. REHBERG**

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the oldest registered Republican residing in Phillips County, Montana, Mrs. Imogene Cotter. On February 10, Mrs. Cotter celebrated her 100th birthday. Arriving in Montana on an immigrant train from Missouri when she was a young child, Imogene homesteaded with her family and her husband William until the ranch sold in 1970. Whether it was serving as an election clerk for Phillips County for over 30 years, working as a State officer for several different years in the Cattle Women's organization "Cow Belles", or being heavily involved in her husband's career as a county commissioner and school board president, Imogene's contributions to the Republican Party, Phillips County, and the State of Montana are endless.

Reaching this significant milestone is something that should not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Please accept my wishes for a very happy birthday—and my sincere congratulations for the good life you are living.

It is the compassion, dedication, courage, and commitment of people such as you that is truly the Spirit of America. Your experiences of the past 100 years qualify you to educate and pass your wisdom on to those of younger generations. I hope you will tell your stories—and I hope they will listen.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TAMMY BALDWIN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I regret that due to inclement winter weather, I missed recorded votes on February 6, 2008, and February 7, 2008.

Had I been present on those days, I would have voted in support of H. Res. 867, H. Res. 942, H. Res. 943, H. Res. 956, H. Con. Res. 283, and H.R. 4848.

IN CELEBRATION OF REGINA  
BRETT

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of Regina Brett. Regina Brett reaches over half a million readers a week as a thrice-weekly metro columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, which she joined in 2000 after 7 years as a reporter and columnist for the Akron Beacon Journal. Brett also hosts a weekly radio program on Cleveland's National Public Radio Station, WCPN, 90.3 FM. With the capacity to reach out to so many people through her column and radio show, she has been able to highlight issues and generate debate concerning topics that are of great importance to the Greater Cleveland community.

Regina Brett earned her B.A. from Kent State University and her M.A. from John Carroll University. She later went on to serve as president of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Among many of her honors and awards, in 1999, she was the recipient of the yearly awarded Batten Medal; established in memory of the late CEO and chairman of the Knight Ridder newspaper chain, which recognizes one journalist nationwide whose writing displays "compassion, fairness, courage, and a deep concern for the underdog."

Through her body of work, she has continued, fearlessly and relentlessly, to illuminate the challenges, victories, people and communities that make up and affect the Greater Cleveland area.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognizing Regina Brett's outstanding contributions to journalism and to the Greater Cleveland Community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, February 12, 2008*

Mr. ELLISON. Madam Speaker, on January 22, 2008, I failed to vote on rollcall Nos. 19 and 20 because my flight was unexpectedly delayed. Had I voted, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall No. 19 and "aye" on rollcall No. 20.

Madam Speaker, on December 13, 2007, I inadvertently failed to vote on rollcall No. 1156. Had I voted, I would have voted "aye."